**Gifted Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) to the Norfolk School Board**

**October 11th, 2022- Meeting Minutes**

This meeting was held at Academy for Discovery at Lakewood Media Center located at 1701 Alsace Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23509.

**In attendance:**

*Members:*

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| Charlene Stewart | Chair, Parent |
| Dr. Ronald White | Vice Chair, Parent |
| Dr. Jori Beck | Community |
| Dr. Serita Griffin | Secretary, Community |
| Karla Stead | Sr. Coordinator, Gifted Ed & Academic Rigor Services/GEARS |
| Tom Ambler | Community |
| Dr. David Courson | Parent |
| Shakara Lawrence | GRT |
| Jessica Huntoon | Parent |
| Vicky Greco | Parent |
| Keyona Amos | Parent |
| Myron Maher III | Parent |

*Guests:*

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| Bruce Brady | Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction |
| Susan King | GRT |
| Yolanda Sweatt | Parent |
| Billy Davis | GRT |

**Welcome:** Dr. Ronald White called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Review of minutes:** Dr. White asked the members if they had reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, which occurred September 13th, 2022 and were previously provided via email for members to review.

At 6:03, a motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and all members were in favor of approving the minutes.

**Review of Purpose, Responsibilities and Duties**: At 6:04 Ms. Charlene Steward facilitated a discussion to review the goals and purpose of the Annual Report and the 5-year plan.

* Ensuring that GEAC is inclusive
* We are working on approving communication to parents about GEAC services and programs.
* Ensuring that best practices are being implemented and that GEAC is forming relationships with all stakeholders

At 6:08 Mrs. Karla Stead discussed the extent to which the Annual Report and 5-year plan has been implemented thus far to determine priorities going forward.

* Gifted Local 5-year plan is a VDOE mandated plan that was completed in the 2021-2022 school year. The plan covers NPS’ gifted philosophy, strategies for inclusivity, how we identify gifted students, enrichment for the visual and performing arts, program goals and objectives, how parents are notified, professional development, and accountability.
* Services from the 5-year plan started this school year.
* The Annual Report is a letter that gets sent to the School Board that outlines the areas where GEAC has grown and the areas where support is needed from the School Board. This letter is sent on June 15th.
* The focus of the local plan is access and equity.

**Current Areas of Success-What has been accomplished?**

* We were able to hire 5 more GRTs.
* Mrs. Stead requested and received extra funding for enrichment programs.
* There were a lot of applications for the Arts and Sciences Enrichment programs.
* We have been able to implement clustering in most schools.
* Beginning this school year, schools will be creating a talent pool of emerging scholars.

**Current Areas of Need-What is left?**

* Hiring a few more GRTS
* Getting to 100% implementation of clustering in all NPS Elementary Schools
* Ensuring GEAC services are fully accessible at the secondary level
* Full understanding of the identification process for students
* Full understanding of clustering and how it is being implemented in classrooms

At 6:48 Dr. White asked members to break into small groups to discuss takeaways from Ms. Stead’s review of the local plan and 5-year plan.

At 7:05 members and guests began sharing their takeaways from the previous discussion.

We will discuss next steps based on the takeaways and discussion at the next meeting.

**Announcements:**

* School Board Dates:<https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/nps/Board.nsf/Public>.
  + October 12th, PSAT-9, PSAT MMSQT-10th and 11th grade Students
  + Oct. 26, 2022, 4 p.m., School Board Business Meeting
  + October 26, 2022 Governor’s School for the Arts Open House
  + Nov. 2, 2022, 4 p.m., School Board Work Session/School Board Governance Training
  + Nov. 16, 2022, 4 p.m., School Board Business Meeting
  + December 1st (tentative) NPS Showcase of Specialty Programs
  + April 2023-SAT School Day

**Public comment:** At 7:22, Dr. White opened the public comment portion of the meeting for stakeholders wishing to address the GEAC on the topic of their choice regarding gifted education. All stakeholders are welcome to give their full statements in writing to the GEAC co-chair @ [studentsfirstvmg@gmail.com](mailto:studentsfirstvmg@gmail.com)

Follow-up regarding issues raised will be conducted as needed and shared with the full committee. No public comments were offered prior to the meeting.

**REMAINING 2022 GEAC MEETING DATES**:

* Tuesday, November 15\* @ 6PM, Media Center, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood
  + \*Please note date change to the third Tuesday due to Election Day on November 8
* December 2022 - No Meeting
* Tuesday, January 10 @ 6PM, Media Center, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood
* Tuesday, February 14 @ 6PM,Media Center, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood
* Tuesday March 14 @ 6PM, Media Center, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood
* Tuesday April 4\* @ 6PM,Media Center, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood
  + \*Please note date change to the first Tuesday in April due to NPS Spring Break: April 10-14
* Tuesday May 9 @ 6PM, Media Center, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood
* Tuesday, June 6 @ 6PM, Media Center, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood

Members may submit agenda items via email to Ms. Stewart or Dr. White.

Dr. White adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.